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Mr. Thomas K. Latimer, Staff Director
Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Tom:

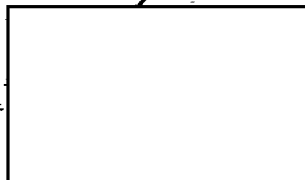
The attached report is provided in response to the Committee's request to the DCI, in its FY 1979 classified annex, for a report on the Intelligence Community's experience under the Freedom of Information Act.

It deals principally with the CIA where serious FOIA problems exist. The CIA report reinforces the concerns expressed in Admiral Turner's 13 March letter to Mr. Burlison, following his appearance before the Subcommittee on Program and Budget Authorization at the budget hearing of 7 March, and in other correspondence with the Congress on this subject from the DCI and senior officials of the CIA.

The current situation with respect to FOIA administration is of concern because of the constraints on resources and manpower which increasingly limit the Community's and the DCI's ability to respond adequately to priority foreign intelligence tasks.

The DCI's FY 1980 National Foreign Intelligence Program submitted to the President contained legislative and other recommendations for alleviating the FOIA problem, and the subject is expected to be addressed in the final budget provided to the Congress in January.

Sincerely,



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